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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between First French Army and Seventh US Army (effective 300001A):
PFALZBURG Q6418 - SAVERNE Q7215 (both to First Fr Army) - HAGUENAU R0323 - road to SOULTZ-SOUS-FORETS R1037 - railroad to WISSEMBOURG R1518 - railroad to LANDAU R2766 - railroad to FDENKOSEN R2875 (all to Seventh Army) - GEINSHEIM R3778 - HANHOFEN R4479 - SPEYER R5080 - HEILBRONN S0362 (all to First Fr Army).

Boundary between First US Army and Fifteenth US Army: As before to BORNHEIM F4741 thence east to RHINE River F5341.

Boundary between Ninth US Army and Second British Army (effective 300700A): WESEL A2240 - BRUNEN A2748 - RAESFELD A3853 - HELDE A4459 - VELEN A4867 - COESFELD A6172 - MUNSTER A9273 - MELLE W4100 - LUBECKE W6012 - WUNSTORF X1527 - CELLE X5949 - ELDINGEN X7758 - WITTINGEN Y0363 - SALZWEDEL Y3078 - WITTENBERGE Y7096 (all to Ninth US Army).

Boundary between VI and XXI Corps: R4180 - DANNSTADT R4292 - M4200 - M4500 - M4503 - RHINE River M5003 (all to VI Corps).

Boundary between XXI and XV Corps: M4617 - M9222 - M9721 - N1018 - N1715 - N3917.

Boundary between VIII British Corps and XII British Corps: HAMMINKELN A2048 - DINGDEN A2253 - CR A2258 - RHEDE A2860 - GEMEN A4063 - RAMSDORF A4366 - RJ A4370 - RJ A4577 - road to LEGDEN A5682 - FRETTHOLT A5985 - EGGERODE A6685 (all to VIII Corps) - HORSTMAR A7087 - BORCHORST A7692 - RJ A8289 - road and canal crossing A8493 - HEMBERGEN A9095 (all to XII Corps).

Boundary between XII British Corps and XXX British Corps: WERTH A1558 - BOCHOLT A2261 (both to XII Corps) - RJ A2263 (to XXX Corps) - CR A2268 - railroad A2571 - RJ A2672 - WINTERSWIJK A3075 - Dutch-German frontier A3480 - line of frontier to V5405 - OHNE V6808 (all to XII Corps) - SALZBERGEN V7314 (to XXX Corps) - SPELLE V8119 - SCHAPEN V8823 - LANGENACKER V9425 (all to XII Corps).

Boundary between XXX British Corps and II Canadian Corps: RHINE River E9759 - west bank of RHINE River to A0352 - sharp road bend A0352 - CR A0552 - CR A0553 - CR A0554 - RJ A0654 - CR A0556 - CR A0757 - bridge A0757 - line of river to A0362 (all to XXX Corps) - NETTERDEN A0263 (to II Cdn Corps).

Rear boundary of 6th Army Group: Beginning at the intersection of the Franco-German border (1937) and the 6th Army Group-12th Army Group boundary Q2371 - along Franco-German border to Q8555 (to 6th Army Gp) - BITCHE Q7750 (to Com Z) - PFALZBURG Q6418 - RAON L'ETAPE V3479 (both to 6th Army Gp) thence as before.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (301200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. No change.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Commenced the relief of the 36th Division.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th and 103d Divisions. Placed in SHAEF Reserve.

VI Corps. 71st Division. Cleared the army area enroute to the Third Army.

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XXI Corps. 63d Division. Completed the relief of the 44th Division. The 254th Infantry captured BRUHL R5788. The 255th Infantry crossed the NECKAR River in the vicinity of R7491 and entered HEIDELBERG R6990 from the east. Front line change: BRUHL R5788 - HEIDELBERG R6990 - R7491. 10th Armored Division. Crossed the NECKAR River in the vicinity of R5399 and advanced up to twenty-six miles east against light resistance. Combat Command "B" passed through the 63d Division and captured SCHWETZINGEN R6187. Front line change: SCHWETZINGEN R6187 and EBEREACH R9097 - R9697. 4th Division. Commenced to cross the RHINE River. 44th Division. Commenced movement to a division assembly area in the vicinity of BENSHEIM M6320.

XV Corps. 12th Armored Division. Gained up to twelve miles on a six-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: R9704 - N0107 - N0512. 3d Division. 30th Infantry attacked across the MAIN River in the vicinity of N0234. 45th Division. 180th Infantry crossed the MAIN River and advanced one mile to the east. 157th Infantry continued fighting in SCHWEINHEIM N0251 and ASCHAFFENBURG N0154 against heavy opposition. Front line change: N0440 - N0443.

21 ARMY GROUP. NINTH US ARMY. (302400A): XIII Corps. The XXII Corps (Fifteenth US Army) assumed responsibility for the XIII Corps sector south of F3095. 95th Division. (Less 377th Inf). Attached to XXII Corps. 102d Division. Relieved the 84th Division at 302100A.

XVI Corps. 79th Division. Advanced ten miles along line of the RHEIN-HERNE Canal and made contact with the 35th Division at A4322. Captured three submarines under construction in the vicinity of A2924. Front line change: A4322. 30th Division. Attached to XIX Corps effective 300600A. 35th Division. Advanced two miles on a six-mile front against stubborn, determined resistance. Captured BUER A5329. Front line change: A4725 - A4824 - A4925 - A4926 - A5026 - A5127 - A5228 - A5229 - BUER A5329 - A5430 - A5431 - A5332. 8th Armored Division. (With 290th Inf atchd). Advanced one mile on a three-mile front and captured BUER-HASSEL A5234 and POLSUM A5236 against heavy opposition. Many mines were encountered. Front line change: A5334 - POLSUM A5236 - A5237 - A5239.

XIX Corps. 2d Armored Division. Crossed the DORTMUND-EMS Canal and advanced up to eight miles east against light resistance. Combat Command "B" reached SUDKIRCHEN A8745 and OLREN A7545; Combat Command "A" reached ASCHEBERG A9254. 83d Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of A6260.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII Corps. 6th British Airborne Division. Advanced twenty-six miles on a narrow front, captured ALTENBERGE A8183 and reached GREVEN A9188 against light resistance. Front line change: A6975 - ALTENBERGE A8183 - GREVEN A9188. 11th Armored Division. Advanced up to twenty miles on a seventeen-mile front against light resistance. Captured BURGSTEINFURT A7295 and reached ENSDETEN A8597 and SCHOPPINGEN A6588. Front line change: ENSDETEN A8597 - BURGSTEINFURT A7295 - A7389 - SCHOPPINGEN A6588 - A5988.

XII Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 157th Inf atchd). Captured STADTLOHN A4377, advanced five miles on an eight-mile front against light resistance and reached AHAUS A5087 and VREDEN A3782. 53d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atchd). Advanced two miles on a four-mile front and captured WINTERSWIJK A3075. Front line change: WINTERSWIJK A3075 - A2972 - A2770.

XXX Corps. Guards Armored Division. Advanced eight miles on a narrow front and reached LICHTENVOORDE A1977 and GROENLO A2383 where considerable opposition was encountered. Front line change: A2174 - GROENLO A2383 - LICHTENBOORDE A1977. 43d Division. Advanced five miles on a four and one-half mile front against moderate opposition. Reached the SLINGER BEEK River along the line A1373 - A1273 where they were held up by destroyed bridges. Fighting continued in VARSSEVELD A1272. On the left, elements reached the railroad along the line A1071 - A0770. Front line change: A1373 - A1273 - A1071 - A0770 - A0767.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. Gained three miles on a two-mile front. Front line change: A0567 - A0465 - A0163. 3d Canadian Division. 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade advanced one mile on a one-mile front. Front line change: E9562 - E9462 - E9361.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I Canadian Corps and I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (30 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,360 bombers against U-boat yards, 2 railroad bridges and an oil storage plant in northern Germany. 1,282 aircraft dropped 3,484 tons of general purpose and 97 tons of incendiary bombs on all assigned targets, 1 secondary target and 1 target of opportunity. 7 bombers were lost. 698 fighter aircraft escorted the bomber forces. Claims included 15 enemy aircraft; 3 P51s were lost. 159 P51s sortied on freelance missions. Ninth Air Force: Dispatched 472 bombers against an ammunition depot in EBENHAUSEN H7673, a depot in BAD OEYNHAUSEN W7201, barracks in HANN MUNDEN C3315 and miscellaneous targets. 1 bomber was lost. Claims included 37 enemy aircraft. The Tactical Air Commands flew 836 sorties. Claims included 205 motor transport, 257 railroad cars and 81 buildings.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Scattered to broken. Visibility: 2 to 4 miles at dawn, becoming 4 to 6 miles by 1000A. Wind: 14 mph, southwest. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 58° F. Minimum 47° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. Assigned to Fifteenth Army 1200A.

THIRD ARMY. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. No change.

XII Corps. All organized resistance was eliminated from the area northwest of WIESBADEN M3564. 2d Cavalry Group. Relieved units of the 26th Division in ALZENAU M9565. Units attacked and advanced two miles east. Front line change: M9461 - ALZENAU M9565 - M9471 - M9975 - M9878. 26th Division. Followed the advance of the 11th Armored Division and mopped up. Forward units reached WOLF M9691, WALDENSBERG N0690, LEISENWALD N0692 and the vicinity of M9981. The 104th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of SELIGENSTADT M8861. 11th Armored Division. Advanced twenty-three miles northeast against moderate resistance. Forward units reached GELNHAUSEN N0479, WITTGENBORN N0888 and BIRSTEIN N1195. Front line change: GELNHAUSEN N0479 - WITTGENBORN N0888 - BIRSTEIN N1195 - H2311. 4th Armored Division. (With the 359th Inf atchd). Advanced twenty-five miles northeast against scattered resistance. The most advanced units reached HILMES H4950 and in the vicinity of H4655. Combat Command "R" and the 359th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of HERBSTEIN H1419. Front line change: HILMES H4950 - H4655. 90th Division. (Less the 359th Inf). Advanced twenty miles northeast and mopped up resistance by-passed by the 11th Armored Division. The most advanced units reached H1511, H1416 and H1521. The division contacted units of the XX Corps at H0214. 71st Division. Continued movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of HEUSENSTATT M7663.

XX Corps. 3d Cavalry Group. Contacted units of the 6th Armored Division in the vicinity of WINDHAUSEN H0329. Other units reached the vicinity of H1030. 6th Armored Division. (With 261st and 318th Inf Regts atchd). Advanced thirty-two miles northeast toward KASSEL C2203. Units passed through HOMBERG H1771, NEUKIRCHEN H1353, HEBEL H1575 and UTTERSHAUSEN H1277. The most advanced units reached GUDENSBERG H1487 and the vicinity of H2284. The 318th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of STEINBACH G7317. Front line change: H2284 - GUDENSBERG H1487. 80th Division. (Less the 318th Inf). The 319th Infantry Regiment moved to GROSSEN BUSECK G7423 and then advanced to the vicinity of SCHWARZENBORN H2058. Front line change: SCHWARZENBORN H2058. 65th Division. (Less the 261st Inf). Continued to clear isolated pockets of resistance from the division zone. Units of the 259th Infantry moved to the vicinity of HUNGEN G8209 and G8913. 16th Cavalry Group. Patrolled the wooded high ground along the general line M6692 - M2968.

VIII Corps. Continued to mop up the area southwest of GIESSEN G6620. 89th Division. Continued to mop up isolated pockets of resistance in the division zone. Units moved to the vicinity of M3876. 76th Division. Continued to mop up

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in the general area M4587. 37th Division. Continued to mop up in the general area G5502.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 9th Armored Division. (With the 38th Inf atchd). Advanced thirty-five miles north against light and scattered resistance. Units captured BAD WILDUNGEN G9781 and deployed along the EDER River G9885. Then continued the attack and captured WARBURG B9822. Contact was established with units of the 3d Armored Division (VII Corps) north of AROLSEN B8909. Front line change: H0594 - WARBURG B9822 - B9322. 2d Division. (Less the 38th Inf). Continued to follow in close support of the 9th Armored Division, and mopped up. 69th Division. Continued to clear scattered resistance from the division zone.

III Corps. Pinched out by the advance of V Corps and the junction of units of V and VII Corps. 7th Armored Division. Advanced against scattered resistance from snipers and anti-aircraft gun fire. Units secured the dam across the EDER River G9288 at 1545A and seized bridges intact over the EDER River at G9586, G9286, G8087 and G8184. Combat Command "R" continued movement north from the vicinity of G8173. 9th Division. Mopped up scattered resistance in the division zone. Then passed to control of the VII Corps at 2400A. Commenced movement to the VII Corps area at 1400A. 99th Division. Cleared the BECHLINGEN ASSLARER WALD G5025 of all organized resistance and continued to mop up in the division zone. The 394th Infantry closed in the vicinity of G6525. 28th Division. Closed in the vicinity of FRIEKHOFEN G2011.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). Advanced eight miles north and reached the area southwest of PADERBORN B7047 against light resistance. Units encountered some bazooka fire and dug-in infantry in the vicinity of B7724. Major General MAURICE ROSE was killed in action. Brigadier General DOYLE O. HICKEY assumed command of the division. Front line change: B8926 - B7733 - B7439 - B7141 - B6841 - B6744 - B6541 - B6630. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf). Followed the advance of the 3d Armored Division and mopped up by-passed pockets of resistance. The most forward units reached the vicinity of B8809 and B7407. 8th Division. Mopped up in the division zone to the SIEG River. Then attacked through the 16th Infantry Regiment (1st Div) and captured DEUZ G2854. Front line change: G3949 - along WERTHEN River to G3653 - G3654 - DEUZ G2854. 1st Division. Advanced two miles north to the outskirts of SIEGEN G2052. The 16th Infantry Regiment commenced movement to the vicinity of BUREN B5728. Front line change: G2351 - G2151 - G2052 - G2051. 4th Cavalry Group. Moved to the vicinity of G4970.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 94th Division. Attached to the XXII Corps 20 Marh. Commenced movement to the vicinity of WILLICH F1797. 97th Division. Attached to XXII Corps. Continued movement to the vicinity of TITZ F0860. 20th Armored Division. Commenced movement to the vicinity of UBACH K8659. 106th Division and 16th Armored Division. No change.

XXIII Corps. Headquarters and Headquarters units closed in the vicinity of VOUZIERS T8094.

XXII Corps. 86th Division. Relieved units of the VII Corps (First Army) north of the First-Fifteenth Army boundary.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 302400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	66,712	273,398	35,410	9,361	384,879
Non-battle					284,709
Total Casualties					669,588

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group	
XV Corps	GR. UMSSTADT M8541
45th Division	M9647
63d Division	" M6105
2d Moroccan Division	R4066

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21 Army Group Tac	A2549
VIII British Corps	A5270
XII British Corps	A2861
35th Division	A4231
83d. Division	A6452
2d Armored Division	A7350
8th Armored Division	A4633
7th British Armored Division	A3958
6th British Airborne Division	A4050

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III Corps	RAUSCHENBERG G8354
V Corps	NEUSTADT G9751
VIII Corps	DIEZ M1997
XX Corps	WIESBADEN M3564
XXIII Corps	VOUZIERS T3094
2d Division	HOMBERG G8937
26th Division	HANAU M8471
65th Division	LAUBACH G8816
71st Division	HEUSENSTAMM M7663
76th Division	IDSSTEIN M3880
80th Division	LICH G7614
87th Division	WEILMUNSTER G4504
90th Division	STEINBERG H0002
104th Division	G6789
3d Armored Division	B7716
4th Armored Division	HERBSTEIN H1419
6th Armored Division	HOMBERG H1771
7th Armored Division	G8377
9th Armored Division	H0462
11th Armored Division	LANGENSELBOLD M9376

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